

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 4 and 13. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to be consistent with claim 1. Claims 4, 6-7, and 12-13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced as a result of this Amendment.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

- A. Response to rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ewen et al.

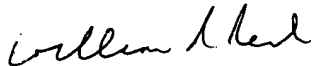
In response to the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,444,833 (“Ewen”), Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claims 4 and 13 into claim 1, and respectfully submit that claim 1 and all claims dependent upon it are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection respectfully is requested.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have questions or comments regarding this application or this Response, Applicant’s attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss the case with the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge U.S. PTO Deposit Account 08-2336 in the amount of any fee required for consideration of this Response.

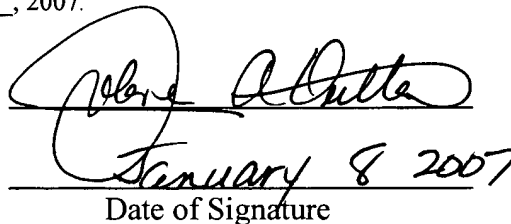
This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Reid
Registration No. 47,894
Attorney for Applicant

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with sufficient postage thereon with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 8, 2007.



January 8 2007
Date of Signature

Basell USA Inc.
912 Appleton Road
Elkton, MD 21921
Attorney's Telephone No.: 410-996-1783
Attorney's Fax No.: 410-996-1560